1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Karnataka	Karnataka	40	04,49,77,201	11,24,430
11.	Kerala	Kerala, Lakshdweep	29	02,91,50,225	10,05,180
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	35	06,61,81,170	18,90,890
13.	Madras	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry	42	05,66,66,731	13,49,208
14.	Orissa	Orissa	16	03,16,59,736	19,78,733
15.	Patna	Bihar	39	08,63,74,465	22,14,729
16.	Punjab & Haryana	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh	40	03,73,87,632	9,34,690
17.	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	32	04,40,06,000	13,75,188
18.	Sikkim	Sikkim	3	04,06,457	1,35,485

Singarani Collieries Limited

4418. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take over Singarani Collieries Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Singarani Collieries Limited is incurring heavy losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make it profitable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b) Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is already a Government Company. It is a joint venture of Government of Andhra Pradesh holding 51% of the share capital and Government of India holding 49% of the share capital.

(c) and (d) SCCL earned profit of Rs. 16.26 crores and Rs. 25 crores in 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively. However, the company incurred a loss of Rs. 191 crores in 1995-96 due to the following reasons

(i) There were two major strikes by workers spread over 40 days during April-May, 1995 and October-November, 1995 demanding early wage settlement as per National Coal Wage Agreement (NCWA)-V. The strikes caused a production loss of 3.30 Million Tonnes in 1995-96.

(ii) Almost all the production of SCCL is of D,E,F & G grades on non-coking coal. Out of these grades, the price of only grade D non-coking coal has been deregulated in March, 1997. The prices of administered grades of coal were last revised in June, 1994. Owing to the non revision of prices of administered grades due in June 1995 and June 1996, the company was not able to neutralise escalation in input costs and impact of NCWA-V agreement with revised dearness allowance pattern. The impact of NCWA-V during 1995-96 alone was Rs. 82 crores.

(e) In March, 1997 the Government have deregulated the price of D grade of non-coking coal and allowed SCCL to fix the prices of E, F and G grades of non-coking coal every six months till January, 2000 by updating the cost indices as per the escalation formula contained in the 1987 report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices. The Government have also decided to deregulate the prices of E, F and G grades of non-coking coal after 1st January, 2000.

It is expected with the implementation of the above decisions the company will earn profits.

Sale of Uptron

4419. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has ordered for sale of Uptron;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether BIFR has asked Industrial Financial Corporation of India (IFCI) to start the privatisation process and finalise the same by March 31, 1997;

(d) whether an advertisement for the sale of Uptron has failed to draw a proper response;

(e) the total loss suffered by Uptron so far and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether 3000 employees employed in Uptron will be thrown out of employment and will have to face starvation;

(g) whether the employees have protested against the closure of the company; and

(h) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (h) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that according to the information furnished by the company at the time of its registration with BIFR, the number of workers in the company for the purpose of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) is 1235. The representatives of the employees who attended the hearings of the case had assured their support and co-operation for the revival of the company. BIFR in its hearing held on 29th January, 1997 directed the Industrial Finance Corporation of India Limited (IFCI), the Operating Agency (OA), to issue an advertisement in newspapers inviting take over-cum-revival proposals for the company. Based on the evaluation of the proposals that might be received in this regard, OA has been directed to submit a rehabilitation report within 10 weeks. The company's case will be decided by the BIFR in terms of the provisions of SICA on the basis of the reprot of the O.A.

(d) IFCI has reported that, as per directions of BIFR, it has issued advertisements in the newspapers on 28.02.1997 and 04.03.1997 inviting take over-cum-revival proposals for the company, stipulating a period of four weeks for submission of proposals. IFCI has reported that no formal proposal has been received so far by it.

(e) IFCI has repoted that as per the provisional accounts of the company as on 31.03.1996, the total accumulated losses were estimated at Rs. 197 crore as against the paid-up share capital and reserves aggregating Rs. 56.42 crore. IFCI has further reported that the profitability of the company has declined mainly due to factors such as non-planned expansion/diversification, excess man power and high overheads, shrinking market share and high finance cost/interest burden resulting in continuous cash lossses.

Externally Aided Projects in Karnataka

4420. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :
SHRI VIJAY SANKESHWAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the projects being implemented in Karnataka with external assistance and locations thereof;

(b) the amount released by the Union Government and the State Government of Karnataka for these projects;

(c) the time schedule fixed for completion of these projects, project-wise;

(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any more proposals for seeking financial assistance from international agencies for certain development projects in Karnataka;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) As per the attached Statement I.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) As per the attached Statement-I

(d) to (e) As per the attached Statement-II.